

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR WHITE COUNTY FOR FISCAL
YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2010 (FY 11)**

HELD MONDAY JUNE 14, 2010 AT 8:30 A.M.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on Monday, June 14, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. on proposed budgets for White County for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2010. The public hearing was held in the Grand Jury Room of the White County Courthouse. Present were: Chairman Travis Turner, Post 1 Commissioner Joe Campbell, Post 2 Commissioner Craig Bryant, County Manager Carol Jackson, Interim Finance Director Vicki Mays, and County Clerk Shanda Smallwood.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Carol Jackson, County Manager, presented a general fund budget balanced at \$13,513,319.00 and other funds balanced at \$4,067,490.00 – for a total balanced budget of \$17,580,809.00. This budget reflected an increase for the FY 2010 general fund amended budget of (\$13,388,363.00) \$124,956.00 or .93%. (See Meeting File For a Complete Copy of the Proposed Budget As Presented)

Ms. Jackson explained that the Fire Fund would be receiving revenue of \$850,000.00 on October 2010 from Fire Insurance Tax Premiums. All of these funds are designated to remain in the fire fund in order to fund fire protection in the County. Ms. Jackson detailed that funds collected above the amount needed to operate the fire department services (\$700,197.00) would be set aside in a contingency fund (\$200,000.00) in order to fund future capital improvement projects or other expenses as needed. Fire Chief, Dickie Howard, stated there was currently approximately \$900,000.00 in the Fire Department capital improvements project account.

Ms. Jackson explained that the overall budget increase was contributed to the reinstatement of employee retirement benefits for the twelve month budget period and an increase in employee health insurance costs. She further stated that in the preliminary estimate of the county tax digest, there would be no need for a tax increase to meet the budget being presented.

Chris Nonnemaker asked if in the Board of Commissioners Office Budget – if the expense of the two added commission positions as of January 1, 2011 – had been considered. Ms. Jackson confirmed this was reflected in the budget as presented.

Judy Lawson with Family Connections asked the Board of Commissioners to consider funding the full \$7,500.00 – which was provided in the FY 10 Budget – as opposed to decreasing this funding to \$7,000.00 as presented in the proposed budget.

Chairman Turner stated all agency contributions had been cut in order to balance the budget and avoid a tax increase. He emphasized this decrease in funding was in no way a reflection of the service which Family Connections was providing to the community.

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Chris Nonnemaker asked the status of the Health Department contribution in the proposed budget. Chairman Turner stated the proposed contribution for FY 11 was \$130,000.00 – which reflected a \$10,000.00 decrease for FY 10.

Chairman Turner stated an additional public hearing would be held later in the day after the Regular Meeting which was scheduled for 4:30 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to adjourn the Public Hearing.

The minutes of the June 14, 2010 Public Hearing are hereby approved as stated this the 2nd day of August, 2010.

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s/Travis C. Turner
Travis C. Turner, Chairman

s/Joe Campbell
Joe R. Campbell, Post 1

s/Craig Bryant
Craig Bryant, Post 2

s/Shanda Smallwood
Shanda Smallwood, County Clerk